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Louisiana Cotton Yield Second Highest On Record

“Louisiana’s cotton crop is expected to yield 862 pounds per acre, up 78 pounds per acre from last month’s forecast,” according to Dave Frank, Director of the Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service. Frank added that the cotton crop yield is 105 pounds less than last year’s record crop.

Cotton production is forecast at 880,000 bales, up 10 percent from last month, but down 14 percent from 2003. Cotton acreage for harvest is forecast at 490,000 acres. Yield per acre, at 862 pounds, is up 78 pounds from the previous month. Upland cotton production for the U.S. is forecast at 22.8 million bales, up 24 percent from 2003.

Other crop forecasts are continued from preliminary November 1. End of season estimates will be released on January 12, 2005.

The Louisiana **sugarcane** crop is estimated at 11.4 million net tons, down 11 percent from last year. Acreage expected for harvest (sugar and seed) is 475,000 acres. Net yield is forecast at 24 tons per acre. If realized, this will be the lowest yield since 1993, when the state averaged 22.8 net tons per acre. U.S. production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2004 is forecast at 30.4 million tons, 10 percent below last year.

Soybean production is expected to total 33.2 million bushels in Louisiana, up 32 percent from a year ago. Soybean acreage for harvest is forecast at 1,070,000 acres. Yield is forecast at 31 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last year. U.S. soybean production is forecast at 3.15 billion bushels, 28 percent above 2003.

Louisiana’s **rice** production is forecast at 28.4 million cwt, up 7 percent from 2003. Rice acreage for harvest is forecast at 530,000 acres. Yield is expected to average 5,350 pounds per acre, down 520 pounds from last year’s record yield. U.S. production is forecast at 228 million cwt, up 14 percent from 2003.

Louisiana’s **corn** production is forecast at 54.7 million bushels, but down 18 percent from a year ago. Corn acreage for harvest is forecast at 405,000 acres. Yield per acre, at 135 bushels, is up 1 bushel from 2003. U.S. corn production is forecast at 11.7 billion bushels, 16 percent above 2003.

Sorghum production is estimated at 5.60 million bushels in the state, compared to 14.0 million bushels last year. Sorghum harvest acreage is forecast at 80,000 acres. Yield is forecast at 70 bushels per acre, down 15 bushels from the previous year. U.S. production for the 2004 crop is forecast at 472 million bushels, up 15 percent from 2003.

Louisiana **hay** production is estimated at 936,000 tons, down 15 percent from a year ago. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 360,000 acres. Yield is forecast at 2.6 tons per acre, down 0.3 ton from a year ago. U.S. hay production is forecast at 166 million tons, up 15 percent from 2003.

Louisiana’s **pecan** production is forecast at 8.0 million pounds compared to 20.0 million pounds last year. U.S. pecan production is forecast at 177 million pounds, down 37 percent from last year.

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CROP REPORT - LOUISIANA
December 1, 2004

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2003	2004	2003	2004		2003	2004
Corn for grain	500	405	134	135	bushels	67,000	54,675
Upland Cotton	510	490	967	862	lbs: bales	1,027	880
Rice	450	530	5,870	5,350	lbs: cwt	26,397	28,355
Sorghum for grain	165	80	85	70	bushels	14,025	5,600
Soybeans	740	1,070	34	31	bushels	25,160	33,170
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	490	475	26.2	24.0	net tons	12,838	11,400
Hay, all	380	360	2.9	2.6	tons	1,102	936
Pecan, all	---	---	---	---	pounds	20,000	8,000

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CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2003	2004	2003	2004		2003	2004
Corn for grain	71,139	73,311	142.2	160.2	bushels	10,113,887	11,740,920
Upland Cotton	11,826	12,970	723	818	lbs: bales	17,822.9	22,095.0
Rice	2,997	3,334	6,645	6,828	lbs: cwt	199,157	227,650
Sorghum for grain	7,798	6,559	52.7	71.9	bushels	411,237	471,572
Soybeans	72,476	73,990	33.9	42.6	bushels	2,453,665	3,150,441
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	994.4	961.6	34.0	31.6	net tons	33,857	30,350
Hay, all	63,342	61,589	2.48	2.69	tons	157,123	165,920
Pecan, all	---	---	---	---	pounds	282,100	177,300

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